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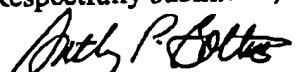
Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from Issue for the purpose of filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. This RCE is being filed in order to add further claims in the application to claim additional embodiments of the invention. The RCE and Amendment papers are being filed concurrently herewith by facsimile.

The fee for this Petition is \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(h). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this and any other fee required for this Petition to Deposit Account No. 02-2955. Applicants also request a refund of the paid issue fee if such refund is authorized, with the funds to be credited to the above noted Deposit Account.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are a Petition to Withdraw From Issue, a Request for Continued Examination, and an Amendment for the above-identified application.

Please acknowledge safe receipt of these papers by contacting my assistant, Sandra Moline, at (203) 798-4791.

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